



WELLINGTON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION POLYPROPYLENE WINTER BEEHIVE WRAPS

The Wellington County Beekeepers' Association is again offering you the opportunity to buy high quality winter wraps for your hives. These wraps are made of 4mm black polypropylene (corrugated plastic) with 5% UV protection. They are lightweight, designed to fold and store flat, and have been tested to have little water absorption. Folds have a living hinge of 21,000 cycles. They have one heat welded seam. They have four, 10" flaps on the top. We have been selling these wraps since 2007.

You will need to make a 3/4" to 1" wide, top entrance hole with a punch, hole saw, or blade knife to exhaust moisture created by the bees. Put this hole at the centre front of the hive, just below the upper lid. There is room in the front of the hive for bees to crawl around before leaving the wrap.

The wraps have room for about 1.5" of insulation above the inside lid of the hive. Put a large stone or brick over the top lid. We leave the wraps on the hives until late in April. They can be removed earlier in the spring to check on the colony. As the sun heats up the black wrap the queen starts laying earlier.

Order forms will be available on the Ontario Beekeepers' website: ontariobee.com, under sales and service in early August. Orders are taken until the middle of September and the wraps will be ready in the middle of October. In southern Ontario we wrap hives early in November. We do not stock wraps all year. These winter wraps are re-cyclable.

Order forms and information sheets will be available in early August on the website – <https://www.ontariobee.com/sales-and-services/polypropylene-winter-hive-wrap-program>. Please place your order by September 22, 2023. Wraps will be available for pickup in Fergus or Cornwall. Larger orders can be shipped at the purchaser's cost (please reach out about this option). Wraps will be ready for pick up in the middle of October.

We also offer 4 frame and 5 frame polypropylene Nuc Boxes each year, starting in January.

The profit from the sale of these wraps is donated to the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, Tech-Transfer Program for bee research and training.

WRAP SIZES & DIMENSIONS

There are seven sizes to choose from

1 HIVE SINGLE 21.25" X 17.25" X 11.75"

1 HIVE, 1½ STORY 17" X 21" X 19"

1 HIVE DOUBLE 21.25" x 17.25" x 21.375"

2-HIVE SINGLE 34" X 21" X 11"

2-HIVE, 1 ½ STORY 34" X 21" X 17"

2-HIVE DOUBLE 34" X 21" X 21"

4-HIVE DOUBLE 34" X 42.25" X 238"



If you have any questions, please contact:
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